The principles on which this society is formed are such as will ensure its safety from the evils the old Society has met with & must commend themselves to every man who loves the slave & desires his deliverance

With much esteem I am cordially yours

William H. Stoddard

Wm A. Stoddard (accepts

Northampton June 17. 1839

Rev A. A. Phelps

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Dear Sir,

Your favor addressed to Wm S. Stoddard has just come to hand. If it was intended for me, I would say in reply, that I regret that it has become necessary to organize a new State Anti Slavery Society. But understanding as I believe I do, the reasons for the movement, it meets my hearty approbation You may rest assured that whatever influence I may have, shall be exerted to promote its success. My name is at your service if you think it will do you any good, but I think if you will select some person of more weight of character to fill the office you name, from this county, more good will be effected. I will name several individuals who are friendly to the new Society that you may not be acquainted with viz;

Dea I. P. Williston of this town a liberal contributor.

Saml Williston Esq of Easthampton Prest of our County A S Soc (A rich & benevolent man

Rev J. G Rose Chesterfield an active man in the cause

Mr Eli Stearns South Hadley

Rev R B Hubbard Principal of the high school in this town & quite an active man in the cause

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